

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a computer system for tracking prescriptive medication, to address and control prescription drug abuse, the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity, said method comprising:

providing ~~respective computer~~ connections from the processor to [[a]] the plurality of entities, said plurality of entities comprising a plurality of both affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies;

obtaining and storing the pharmaceutical data related to the prescriptive medication purchases by ~~a plurality of the~~ purchasers from said plurality of ~~affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies entities~~;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical data through said ~~computer~~ connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of ~~a selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser from all of said ~~plurality of entities plurality of affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies based on said transferred the~~ pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data; and

generating via the processor from said complete prescriptive history of ~~said selected the~~ purchaser one or more electronic patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a physician's office and ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser is a patient of said physician; and

said physician's office utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to verify said complete prescriptive history of ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a pharmacy with a pharmacist;
said ~~selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser requesting that said pharmacist fill a new prescriptive medication; and
said pharmacist utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to compare said new prescriptive medication with respect to said complete prescriptive history of said ~~selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
said pharmacist accepting or declining to fill said new prescriptive medication based on said complete prescriptive history.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a hospital and said ~~selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser is a patient of said hospital; and
said hospital utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to determine said complete prescriptive history of said ~~selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing that said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data for each of said prescriptive medication purchases comprises a name of a ~~respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, an address of said ~~respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, a drug prescribed, said ~~respective prescriptive medication~~ purchaser, a quantity of said drug, a dosage of said drug, a pharmacist name, and a doctor name.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
searching ~~said stored~~ the pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data based on one or more of said name of a ~~respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, said address of said ~~respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, said drug prescribed, ~~said respective prescriptive medication purchaser~~, said quantity of said drug, said dosage of said drug, said pharmacist name, and said doctor name.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
storing via the computer system ~~the~~ pharmaceutical data related to whether a request for filling a prescriptive medication is filled or declined.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a government agency.
- 11-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a computer system for tracking prescriptive medications, to address and control prescription drug abuse, the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity, said method comprising:

providing ~~respective-computer~~ connections from the processor to [[a]] the plurality of entities, said plurality of entities being a group consisting essentially of a plurality of hospitals, a plurality of doctors, at least one government agency, or combinations thereof;

obtaining and storing the pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data relating to prescriptive medication purchases by [[a]] the plurality of ~~prescriptive medication~~ purchasers from a plurality of pharmacies;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data through said ~~computer~~ connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of a ~~selected-prescriptive-medication~~ purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by ~~said-selected-prescriptive-medication~~ the purchaser from all of said plurality of pharmacies based on said ~~transferred~~ pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data; and

generating from said complete ~~prescription~~ prescriptive history of said ~~selected~~ the purchaser one or more patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the ~~prescription~~ complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the ~~prescription~~ complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.